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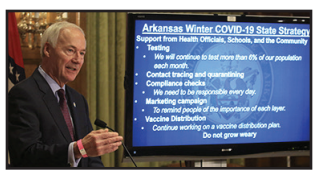
State virus deaths top 2,000

Governor outlines 'winter strategy' for curbing spread. – Arkansas, 1B



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THE NATION WAITS

Key states still counting Trump, Biden votes

Former Vice President Joe Biden (left) addresses supporters early today in Wilmington, Del. At right, President Donald Trump waves after speaking at his campaign headquarters in Arlington, Va. More photos at arkansasonline.com/114electionday/. (AP/Andrew Harnik) (AP/Alex Brandon)

COMPILED BY DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE STAFF FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump won Florida, the nation's most-prized battleground state, and held onto Texas as he and former Vice President Joe Biden on Tuesday battled to the finish of an epic campaign with counting in many states expected to continue late into the night and into today.

At 2 a.m. Central time today, it was announced that Biden won in Arizona and Maine.

Many of the battleground states had yet to be called late Tuesday night, including Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Trump won Texas, Florida, Iowa and Ohio, while Biden carried New Hampshire and Minnesota. It takes 270 electoral votes to win the presidency.

About 1:30 a.m. Central time today, Trump addressed a room full of supporters and his family, and thanked the American people for their "tremendous support."

"I guess this is the latest news conference I've ever

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Election results

These incomplete, unofficial totals are the latest available before press time and, because of deadline constraints, may not match figures elsewhere in today's newspaper. For the latest totals, go to https://www.arkansasonline.com/elections/2020general/statewide/

U.S. PRESIDENT

Arkansas votes
93.51% precincts

Donald Trump, GOP (i)	737,361
Joe Biden. Dem	408,581
Phil Collins	2,675
Brock Pierce	2,058
Roque De La Fuente	1,274
C.L. Gammon	1,430
Kanye West	3,990
J.R. Myers	1,322
Howie Hawkins	2,891
Brian Carroll	1,646
Don Blankenship	2,034
Gloria La Riva	1,298
Jo Jorgensen	12,739

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U.S. SENATE

93.51% precincts

Tom Cotton, GOP (i)	769,170
Ricky Harrington, Lib	385,970

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U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2

95.41% precincts

French Hill, GOP (i)	175,333
Joyce Elliott, Dem	143,052

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U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 3

94.12% precincts

Steve Womack, GOP (i)	211,732
Celeste Williams, Dem	103,966
Michael Kalagias, Lib	12,832

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U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 4

92.42% precincts

Bruce Westerman, GOP (i)	188,023
William Hanson, Dem	74,158
Frank Gilbert, Lib	7,520

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BALLOT ISSUE 1

ROAD SALES TAX
93.01% precincts

For	637,594
Against	516,948

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BALLOT ISSUE 2

EXTEND TERM LIMITS
93.01% precincts

For	625,593
Against	505,644

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BALLOT ISSUE 3

BALLOT ISSUES
93.01% precincts

For	486,568
Against	617,245

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FOOTNOTES:

Incumbents are denoted by (i).
Dem denotes Democrat.
GOP denotes Republican.
Lib denotes Libertarian.

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today Mostly sunny.
High 74, light south winds.
Tonight Mostly clear.
Low 47.

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Battle foggy for Senate control

Republicans hang on to turf; victors unclear in some races

Former Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville strikes a Heisman pose Tuesday after his victory speech to supporters at his watch party in Montgomery, Ala. More photos at arkansasonline.com/114senate/. (AP/Butch Dill)

COMPILED BY DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE STAFF FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — The battle for control of the Senate tightened Tuesday after Democrats picked up a seat in Colorado, but suffered a setback in Alabama, and Republicans held their own in high-profile races in South Carolina, Texas and Kansas, narrowing the political map.

Republicans fought to retain their Senate majority against a surge of Democrats challenging President Donald Trump's allies. Both parties saw paths to victory, but the Democrats' were narrowing. With several races still too early to call, and one Georgia contest heading to a January runoff, the final verdict was not known on election night.

Democrats ousted Republican Cory Gardner for John Hickenlooper in Colorado, a must-win seat if Democrats were to wrest the majority. Gardner was among the most endangered incumbents as his state shifted leftward.

"It's time for a different approach," Hickenlooper said in a live video message

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Hill leads, but Elliott doesn't concede

Incumbent says returning to D.C.

FRANK E. LOCKWOOD
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Republican U.S. Rep. French Hill was on track to defeat Democratic state Sen. Joyce Elliott on Tuesday for a fourth term in office.

With 325 out of 392 precincts reporting, unofficial returns showed:

Hill 175,333
Elliott 143,052

A Democrat hasn't held the seat since U.S. Rep. Vic Snyder of Little Rock retired in January 2011.

The Central Arkansas district includes Pulaski, Saline, Faulkner, White, Perry, Conway and Van Buren counties.

Elliott was well ahead in Pulaski County but was losing badly elsewhere in the district.

With the vote count mostly done, Hill expressed thanks to those who had supported him.

"I'm humbled and pleased to have the privilege to represent the people of the 2nd District in the Congress for two more years. I appreciate the trust they put in my work," he said.

U.S. Rep. French Hill, joined by his wife, Martha (center), and daughter, Liza, greets supporters Tuesday at the Arkansas Republican Party election event at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Little Rock after he was declared winner in the 2nd Congressional District race. More photos at arkansasonline.com/114arp/. (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/Thomas Metthe)

Hill thanked his campaign team, saying they had done "an excellent job at voter turnout in a presidential year."

Work awaits Congress in Washington, D.C., Hill noted.

"I think our first priority should be helping rebuild this economy and restoring the health of the country," he said.

"I would like to, even in this lame-duck session, fight for extending the Paycheck Protection Program," he said.

Clarification on unemployment benefits is needed, and governors need to be given additional flexibility to spend federal coronavirus relief money after Dec. 31, he added.

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2 issues on state ballot approved by voters

MICHAEL R. WICKLINE
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Arkansas voters on Tuesday approved a constitutional amendment that will permanently extend the state's 0.5% sales tax for roads and highways as well as a constitutional amendment that will end lifetime term limits for state lawmakers.

But they rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that would have made it more difficult for citizen groups to qualify ballot measures for general election ballots and increased the voting threshold for the state Legislature to refer proposed constitutional amendments to voters.

In the 2019 regular session, the Arkansas General Assembly referred all three proposed constitutional amendments to voters.

ISSUE 1

Issue 1 is the constitutional amendment to

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